



CASE REVIEW MEETING MINUTES

**September 8, 2004, 4:00 P.M.
5th Floor Large Conference Room, City Hall**

Chairman Gardner called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

1) Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Brewer, Corral, Davidson, Garcia, Gardner, Huerta, Pearcy, Quinto, and Ward

Absent: none

2) Public Comments

Mary Shelton

Ms. Shelton said that, after the Council's actions of Tuesday, September 7, the only way the Commission will survive is to be in the Charter.

Nanette Pratini

Ms. Pratini, a member of the Riverside Coalition for Public Accountability (RCPA), said the RCPA will be holding a meeting on October 14 to publicize Measure II. She also said that the RCPA in conjunction with the League of Women Voters will hold some meetings to discuss Measure II. She invited commissioners, as individuals, to attend these meetings.

3) 2004 NACOLE Conference

The commissioners discussed the pros and cons of sending more than three people to the conference. After discussion, in a 5 – 4 vote, the Commission voted to send four instead of three commissioners to Chicago for the NACOLE Conference.

4) Volne Stokes Officer-Involved Death Case

Chairman Gardner advised the Commission that a second request to be interviewed had been sent to Officer Gould via e-mail by CPRC Manager Don Williams. She received the request and declined to be interviewed. Chairman Gardner said that it would be beneficial to the commissioners to know what the officer did and why and that only Officer Gould could answer those questions. He said it is important for the Commission to have as much information as possible when the public report is presented to the community. He then asked if anyone wanted to entertain a motion to subpoena the officer.

After a lengthy discussion, the Commission voted to issue a subpoena for Officer Banfill Gould to appear before the Commission on October 27, 2004 at 4 p.m. in the Art Pick Council Chambers to answer questions

regarding her actions in connection with the death of Volne Stokes on May 27, 2003, from the time she was dispatched until medical assistance was requested.

The vote was 8 for, 0 against, and 1 abstention.

As a result of the discussion, Chairman Gardner asked Mr. Williams to contact the CPRC investigator to draw up a list of questions. Upon receipt, the investigator's questions would be distributed to the commissioners to review for seven days and note any additional questions they might have. After their review, the commissioners were also asked to return the list to staff, who would then return the final list to the investigator with copies to the commissioners.

It was also suggested that a court stenographer be present at the October 27th meeting. Chairman Gardner asked staff get a stenographer for the meeting.

Mary Shelton said the Commission should be leery of issuing a public report that contains only statements from an officer who is now the subject of multiple charges in several states and whose life has been a lie. She said that Officer Gould is the only person who really knows why she didn't give a statement. She said that she doesn't consider the Commission's use of its subpoena power frivolous. She also said that she didn't think the officer would answer any questions.

5) Appointments to Commission Standing Committees

Chairman Gardner advised the Commission that there was interest by the Budget and the Policy & Procedure Review chairs in swapping positions. He said that both chairs agreed to the reassignments and that Commission Brewer would now be the Policy & Procedure Review Committee chair and Commissioner Garcia would be the Budget Committee chair. Commissioners Garcia and Huerta were appointed as members of the Policy & Procedures Review Committee.

6) CLOSED SESSION – CASE REVIEWS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, the Commission adjourned to Closed Session at 6:05 p.m. to review the following case(s) involving PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL MATTERS:

<u>CPRC CASE NO.</u>	<u>IA CASE NO.</u>
03-079	PC-03-297-278
04-003	PC-04-019-175
04-007	PC-04-029-193
04-013	PC-04-051-215
04-034	PC-04-142-157

The Commission adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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